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ASC G8 closed

The U.S. Army Signal Command Assistant Chief of Staff, G8 will be closed today from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for its annual picnic. The office of the AcofS, G8 will be minimally staffed during this time.

Golden Knights tryouts

The United States Army Parachute Team, the "Golden Knights" is scouting for new military skydivers.

To apply for the elite team, the soldier must be an enlisted active duty soldier and meet the requirements for a class "C" international parachuting license or equivalent. Soldier must also have a clean military and civilian record.

If the soldier's application is approved, he or she will then be invited to participate in the Golden Knights' six-week selection and assessment program at the team's headquarters in Fort Bragg, N.C. in September.

To receive an application, check out the team's website at www.armygoldenknights.com or call 910-396-4800. Applications are due back to the Knights by Friday.

Clothing sales open longer

In response to customer request, the Army, Air Force Exchange Service is going to test expanded hours at the Military Clothing Sales Store, effective Saturday through Aug. 27. New hours will be 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.

SJA closed

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will be closed Monday-Tuesday to participate in the installation training holiday and Independence Day.

Fort first to field new technology

By Sgt. Cullen James
Scout Staff

"We're here to make automation work for humans; not have humans work for automation," said the Army's biometrics manager, Phillip Loranger.

Loranger was on hand Wednesday at the Communications Security Logistics Agency in Greely Hall for the unavailing of a new biometrics security system.

Biometrics involves making digital "templates" of a person's fingerprint, eye, the way they walk, or even the way they smell. This template can then be used to verify a person's identity and authorize access or grant levels of authority.

"The soldier is our number one customer. Everything we do is to benefit the soldier. What we're trying to do [with biometrics] is reduce the soldier's requirement to remember different passwords," Loranger said.

The system is now in place at CSLA is a fingerprint authorization system used to gain access to their offices. A single personal identification number is used along with the individual's fingerprint.

This is the first such use of biometrics in the Army, according to Loranger.

"Biometrics has been around for 20 years, but nothing as mature as this," Loranger said referring to CSLA's fingerprint system. Although different organizations have been studying and researching biometrics for so long, Loranger explained that the technology is finally mature enough to be used. "When I said we'd been doing biometrics for 20 years, that's in laboratories, R and D, and academic organizations. The technology is only now feasible to be used in these security applications."

The new biometrics department, headed by Loranger, is working

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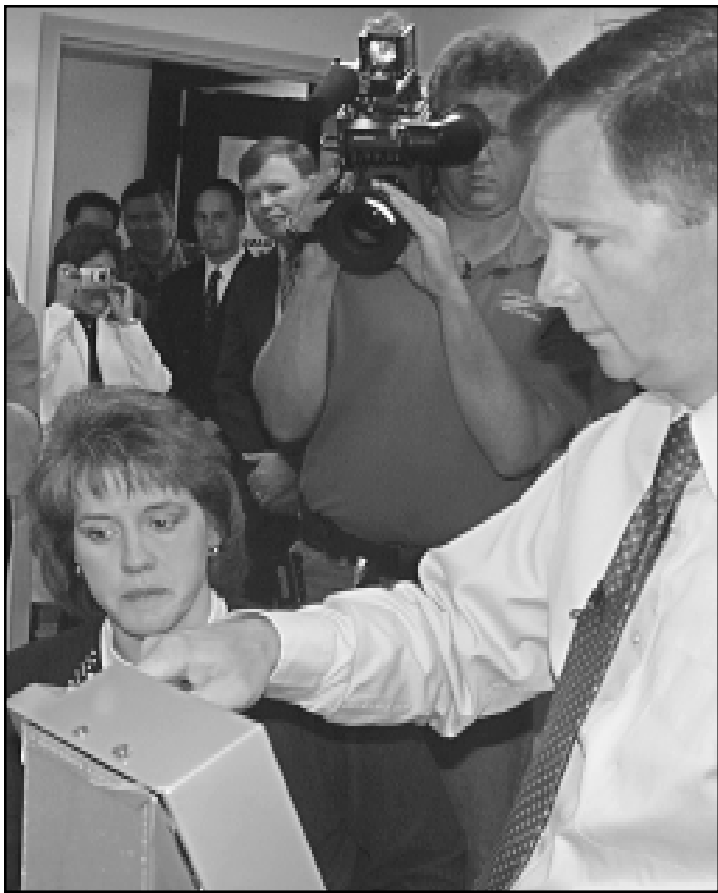


Photo by Sgt. Cullen James

John Patterson, KGUN Tucson channel 9 reporter, scans his fingerprint into the biometrics software as CSLA's Lorna Hutcheson monitors the scan.

MP vehicle flips on runway during driver training

By Angela Moncur
Scout Staff

A Military Police vehicle flipped over and landed on its hood during a driver safety course Monday at Libby Army Airfield. The driver and three passengers experienced no serious injuries.

The driver, Police Sgt. Keith Barth of the Cochise County Sheriff's Department and driving instructor for the course, was executing a reverse 'J' turn when the accident happened.

The maneuver involved driving in reverse at approximately 30 to 35 m.p.h. and making a sudden 180-degree turn.

"During the whip-it-around portion [of the turn] is when [the vehicle] turned over," Barth



Photo by Angela Moncur

The driver and three passengers escaped without serious injury after this model-2000 Ford Explorer flipped during a driver safety course.

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The Scout's Chaplain

Daily saints in new millenium

By Chap. (Capt.) Robert V. Brady
305th MI Bn. Chaplain

I know what some of you are saying—"It's not the new millenium yet. It won't really begin until the year 2001." Now I suppose that's true, but I'm thinking more of saints than milleniums.

Saints. The very word conjures up images of people long dead recognized for their exceptional lives. The impact of those lives continues to influence the world long after they have departed.

But I'm not speaking of those saints — those long-dead people who lit the world around them, and whose light has somehow continued through the centuries. I'm speaking of the saints that I meet every day.

Our battalion secretary is one of those people. I wasn't surprised when I returned from leave to find she had

been selected as the civilian of the month. After all, her beaming smile is the first thing you see when you enter our headquarters, and not once have I ever heard her criticize someone. More often than not, she tells me about someone who's struggling, and says "Chaplain, you should pray for so-and-so."

Now she wouldn't call herself a saint, except in the most general sense, but to me, there's nothing general about the impact she has on those who come in contact with her. Her faith — and she is a woman of faith — is genuine and affirming.

She has that unique knack of being religious without being "re-LIG-ous," if you know what I mean. Maybe it's because of her caring spirit, or perhaps because of her humility. Regardless,

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MOS Library gets lasting donation

AEC release

The Army Education Center has a hands-on Military Occupational Specialty Library, which has Army Regulations, Field Manuals, Technical Manuals, and other Army reference publications.

In addition, the MOS Library has a variety of study guides for selected college subjects and for some professional certification examinations.

All of these materials are available for research and/or study purposes and can be checked out for a two-week period. It is imperative that these materials be promptly returned by the due date; many of them are in short supply and have waiting lists to check them out.

When materials are not returned by the due date, the soldier receives a written reminder. If there is no response, the AEC sends a note to the company commander. If there is still no response, the AEC sends a note to the battalion commander.

In the case of the college study guides and other similar materials, if there is still no response, a collection notice is sent to

Finance. The soldier is then charged the replacement cost of the book(s) and Finance adds a \$15 processing fee.

Through the generosity of the 11th Signal Brigade, the MOS Library now has 30 new Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery study guides for use by soldiers in the FAST classes.

Soldiers in the 306th Military Intelligence Battalion were the first group to benefit from this "lasting" donation. Thanks to the 11th Signal Brigade for supporting Army Education, and more importantly, all Army soldiers seeking personal and professional development.

The MOS Library also has information on the Army Correspondence Course Program and Headstart tapes, professional development videos, and "gently used" college textbooks for loan.

Stop by and visit your Army Education Center today. We're in Building 52104, at the corner of LaGuardia and Hatfield, on a diagonal from the Commissary. Or, call 533-2255 or 533-3010 for more information on services and programs.

Commentary

We need your ideas, opinions

By Sgt. Cullen James
Scout Staff

To paraphrase an old saying, "Opinions are like elbows. Most people have more than one."

Do you know how hard it is to think of something important or compelling enough to write about — and opinionated but informed about — on a weekly basis? It's tough! Sometimes, I wish other people would start jumping in here and write their stuff down.

That's when it hit me. Why not ask you to? We at *The Fort Huachuca Scout* have always appreciated reader feedback, positive or constructive, and now I'm going to ask you to shoot us some of your elbows ... er, opinions.

We're looking for opinions about the Army, unit activities or the lack thereof, opinions about anything that may

affect soldiers, civilians and family members of Fort Huachuca. Examples may include new uniforms, volunteering, new technology, how helpful that cashier at the commissary was, and many others.

What we don't want are complaints. The commentary column isn't a forum for griping, nor is it a political platform. Any such commentaries sent that are just a gripe will not be considered for publication (but may be considered a Commander's Hotline if the gripe is legitimate).

We cannot, by Army regulation, and will not publish anything political in nature. That is, anything endorsing or condemning political parties, persons or activities.

However, opinions concerning how politics/politicians could better serve the Army, its employees and family members are welcome as long as it is not inflammatory in nature.

Constructive criticism is always welcome, but nothing that is anti-Army policy or anti-government can be published.

That said, look around at the pros and cons of life on Fort Huachuca. If you see a pro, take this opportunity to let everyone know. If you see a con, think of how it could be better and write it down. If you don't feel up to writing it yourself, we can either approach it as a Commander's Hotline, write it ourselves, or, if a pro, turn it over to the Kudo's Korner.

The most important thing is that you let us know what's happening on post and in your community. We can't be everywhere, and we rely on your input to guide the content of *The Fort Huachuca Scout*.

I greatly enjoy the opportunity to converse with the public in a forum such as this, but sometimes the weekly deadlines make it difficult to find anything of substance to write about.

So please, take the time to send some stuff in — unless you want to read some commentaries about the joys of typing all day long or underwater basket weaving or something like that.

Opinions are like elbows. Most people have more than one...shoot us some of your elbows...er, opinions.

Sgt. Cullen James

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Post hosts 13th Annual MI Hall of Fame Ceremony

By Tanja M. Linton
Media Relations Officer

The Military Intelligence Corps will be celebrating its 13th Annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony 10 a.m. Friday at Alvarado Hall. This year’s theme is “225 Years of Excellence — Honoring Army and Military Intelligence Professionals.”

The Military Intelligence Corps was activated July 1, 1987, in accordance with the U.S. Army Regimental System. The MI Corps Hall of Fame was established July 1, 1988, as a means of honoring soldiers and professional civilians who, through their performance of duty, have made special contributions to the military intelligence profession.

MI Hall of Fame events kick off at 7:15 a.m. today with a golf tournament at the Mountain View Golf Course. A historic tour of Fort Huachuca follows at 9 a.m. B Troop will conduct the post retreat ceremony at 4:30 p.m. at Wren Arena, and the Commanding General’s Reception concludes the day’s activities 5:30 p.m. at the LakeSide Activity Centre.

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Apache Longbow teams with Hunter unmanned aerial vehicle

By Tanja M. Linton
Media Relations Officer

The Aviation Applied Technology Directorate from Fort Eustis, Va. will demonstrate manned-unmanned teaming between the Apache Longbow (AH-64D) helicopter and the Hunter unmanned aerial vehicle July 19, on Fort Huachuca.

The AH-64D will demonstrate the receipt of UAV video and data, and control of UAV sensors as well as send the UAV a waypoint coordinate from the crew station.

Two 1-1/2 hour demonstrations are scheduled for 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

AATD has been a leader in developing this technology with the Airborne Manned/Unmanned System Technology (AMUST) program. Over the last three years, AATD and Boeing Mesa have developed the software and pilot interfaces to actively team an AH-64D Apache with a tactical UAV.

The purpose of the test is to prove that a tactical UAV can be effectively and tactically employed by Apache.

The Apache Longbow is a tandem seat dual crew attack helicopter.

The Hunter UAV (RQ-5A) is a fixed wing twin engine medium altitude unmanned aerial vehicle. The aerial vehicle is an airborne component of the HUNTER system and services as the platform for the mission payloads or as an Airborne Data Relay (DAR).

The AV airframe is a fixed wing and constructed of lightweight composite materials which is easily repaired. It is powered by two four-stroke, two cylinder (V-type) air cooled engines in a “push/pull” configuration which have been modified to use electronic fuel injection and a computerized control engine management.

Electrical power is provided by 28 VDC alternators driven by the engines, a back-up 28 VDC battery and two 12 VDC battery and two 12 VDC starter batteries allow either (or both) engines to be started in flight.

An emergency parachute recovery mode is also installed. In an emergency recovery, the engines stop and the parachute is deployed.

309th MI Bn. to change command

By Tanja M. Linton
Media Relations Officer

Lt. Col. David B. Kneafsey relinquishes command of the 309th Military Intelligence Battalion to Lt. Col. Thomas M. Kelly in a ceremony Friday at 7 a.m. on Brown Parade Field.

Kneafsey has commanded the 309th Military Intelligence Battalion since June 26, 1998. He will go on to serve as the Director of the Department of Military Science at Syracuse University, N.Y.

Kelley comes to Fort Huachuca after serving as the Director Operations for the 66th Military Intelligence Group in Darmstadt, Germany.

Members of the public are invited to attend the ceremony. Spectators are reminded that the Directorate of Public Safety will set-up traffic control points one hour prior to the start of the ceremony at the intersections of Adair and Grierson; Adair and Augur; and Shipp and Augur Avenues.

Military police will remain at the traffic control points until 15 minutes after the conclusion of the ceremony.

Parking for spectators and participants in the ceremony is available on the north side of Christy Avenue at the AAFES Clothing Sales Store and behind the Directorate of Contracting.

Travel claims must include admin review

DFAS release

Soldiers and Department of the Defense civilian employees submitting travel vouchers after July 1, must include an administrative review, Frank E. Wong, Chief, Travel Pay Branch, DFAS OPLOC Seaside, stated a recent message from the Defense Finance Accounting Service at Seaside, Calif.

Vouchers received at DFAS for travel claims will be returned starting July 1 for compliance with this policy change.

According to Wong, travelers are required to obtain an administrative review and signature through your commander/supervisor, or approving official, prior to submitting a travel payment request to DFAS Seaside.

This signed review ensures that the

claim is complete, proper and complies with the intent of the issued travel order.

In the message Wong said, an Approving Official’s signature will be needed in addition, if items on the claim require specific approval — a cryptic remark in block #22 to clarify what is being approved additionally not published in the original order.

Approving Official’s review, signature and sending of claim, continues to be required for Units having an agreement with DFAS Seaside for FAXING of original settlement voucher for payment through their offices.

For information or questions please contact the DFAS Seaside Travel Pay Branch at 1-800-582-8980 or (831) 583-1311.

Kudos Korner

Civilian of the Month named

John P. Neal, operations research analyst with the U.S. Army Signal Command, was named Fort Huachuca’s Civilian of the Month for June.

He provides guidance, planning factors, technical assistance, and consultant services to staff and subcommands on cost and economic analysis issues. He also onducts studies, cost and economic analyses, Independent Government Cost Estimates, lease vs. buy analyses, program evaluations, and cost validations in support of command decisions regarding operations, combat development and material development activities, using operations research methods and analytical techniques.

Neal developed an Independent Government Cost Estimate that consolidated all existing information technology engineering service requirements contracts for the Communications and Electronics Command, Information Systems Engineering Command and the Army Signal Command. This IGCE was ultimately the baseline for industry to compete for these services that are scheduled to reach \$1 billion Army-wide when fully implemented. This analysis was critical not only for this command but for those organizations requiring information technology engineering services.

Neal receives the use of a car for one month from Lawley Chevrolet; gift certificates from Sierra Vista merchants; a desk plaque from CPAC; a MWR certificate for Jeanie’s Diner; a wall plaque from the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce; and his name, as Civilian of the Month, posted at the Main Gate.

Other nominees included Victoria K. Soberg, USAMEDDAC; Glenda L. Rippel, DIS; Judy W. Winborn, 111th MI Bde; Evelyn D. Cole, 111th MI Bde; and Katharina L. Criscuolo, ISEC. Nominate your deserving employee for Fort Huachuca Civilian of the Month. Per FH Reg 690-5, all permanent appropriated fund and nonappropriated fund employees are eligible with the exception of employees officially assigned as supervisors (GS-10 and above) and senior executive service personnel. For information, call Theresa Fuimaono, CPAC, at 533-5282.

Fort’s college grads recognized

Western International University, one of four fully accredited colleges on Fort Huachuca, recently held their graduation at their main campus in Phoenix. 32 individuals associated with Fort Huachuca received their degrees.

At the bachelor’s level, congratulations go to John Alaniz, Rodd Briggs, Greg Brokering, Bradley Butler, James Cleven, Genevieve Farr, Olivia Flores, Sherri Gentry, Maurice Girard, Paula Hann, Frederick Hughes, Roger Lee,

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Have we got news for you!
Read it in The Fort Huachuca Scout newspaper.

New unit designation means field time for post police

By Sgt. Cullen James
Scout Staff

It may look the same, but it's not. The former Fort Huachuca Military Police Company is now the 18th MP Detachment and can now take its law enforcement mission anywhere in the world.

"The detachment is deployable," said Capt. Vincent Chambers, commander, 18th MP Det. "What this does is allow other combat support MP units to focus strictly on combat support operations. My detachment ... [will] then take over the law and order portions of the deployment."

According to Chambers, the company was reflagged to allow the unit to become deployable and because of a directive from Department of the Army and Training and Doctrine Command. Other MP units within TRADOC are undergoing similar reorganizations.

"We were one of the first units to reorganize — by the 16th of June — other units have until October [of this year] to reorganize," Chambers explained.

"You've got new responsibilities," Lt. Col. Carol J. Szarenski said to the newly formed detachment at their reflagging ceremony. "Your deployable now and that means you may be called upon to enforce the law enforcement mission [in places like] Kosovo, Bosnia, East Timor. It's going to

be a tough mission."

The 18th's missions now include Fort Huachuca law enforcement and law enforcement for any TRADOC contingency they may be deployed to. But, Chambers explained, there will be no added personnel to their unit. "[Will we get] more soldiers? Good joke!" Chambers said. "We are authorized ... 107 soldiers. We currently have around 100. We're as close to full strength as we will ever be — we're ready to go."

Although no soldiers or civilians will be added to the detachment, there will be no significant impact on their Fort Huachuca mission as the detachment will only deploy in small teams. "If we are called on to go overseas, only certain teams — two or three soldiers — will be tasked to deploy," Chambers said.

DA and TRADOC don't want to affect any MP unit's ability to provide law enforcement at their installation, Chambers explained. "That is why a lot of TRADOC MP units are converting to detachments. They will pull a few teams from everyone ... put it under a detachment flag, and [deploy] them," he said.

Currently, there are no plans to deploy the 18th, according to Chambers.

Structurally, the 18th is almost the same as it was previously. The only difference is



Photo by Sgt. Cullen James

Capt. Vincent Chambers, commander, 18th Military Police Detachment, and Lt. Col. Carol J. Szarenski, commander, 306th Military Intelligence Battalion, unfurl the detachment's new guidon during the reflagging ceremony.

that now the soldiers have some more extra duties. "The MP detachment has some minor changes in its structure because now all our soldiers have secondary jobs in certain required teams and jobs."

Chambers is optimistic about his unit's future and told them at the reflagging ceremony, "Our future ... that's simple. It should be this — to be the best ... unit on Fort Huachuca."

Commander's Hotline

Call

A complaint was received over the Commander's Hotline concerning loud music played in the housing areas. The caller said her neighbor has for more than six months persisted in playing music very loud in their quarters. The caller says she has on many occasions complained to the Military Police, especially when the lyrics of one song contained profanity.

Response

Grace White, Fort Huachuca's Lodging Officer said, "thank you for using the Commander's Hotline and giving us an opportunity to tell all residents about Fort Huachuca's policy on Unreasonable Noise. Unreasonable noise can include loud music or disruptive behavior. Because many of us have our doors and windows open in our homes or vehicles during the summer, we are more aware of our neighbor's music, parties and children playing.

According to White there is no prohibition on playing different types of music for personal enjoyment. It can, however, be deemed disruptive behavior or offensive if it can be heard outside the vehicles or your homes.

"The specific situation your hotline addresses has been investigated and the individual advised of the Fort Huachuca noise policy," said White. "Unreasonable noise complaints should be reported to the Military Police for their response."

White says the most important message for all residents of Fort Huachuca is to be a good neighbor and be considerate of those around you. "If we all do that, there will be no need to report unreasonable noise."

Defense leaders recognize Independence Day

This Independence Day we rightly pause to remember and honor the millions of Americans whose dedication and personal sacrifice have secured our independence, preserved our liberties, and protected our way of life. Throughout our Nation's history, proud men and women in uniform have secured the rights and freedoms we cherish most dearly, those guaranteed by our Constitution. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, the uniforms and colors of our Services, bear witness to the bravery and selfless devotion of countless American men and women who have risked their lives to defend our country and our freedoms.

Today, the Army continues to stand on point for the Nation, as it has for 225 years. In this year alone, we have been an essential part of America's efforts to provide sanctuary from violence for the weak and the oppressed and to bring hope to Bosnia, Kosovo, the Sinai, Macedonia, Korea, Haiti, and East Timor. America's leadership, advanced by soldiers' "boots on the ground," provides inspiration to millions who

seek a better condition and better opportunities for themselves and for their children.

Whether honored veteran or new recruit, the bravery and selfless service of America's soldiers have been instrumental to the success of this experiment in democracy, which has so convincingly stood the test of time.

America's Army has a covenant with the American people — when called, we will win our Nation's wars and preserve our way of life. It is a covenant that millions of men and women have proudly lived up to for more than two hundred years. To you, the soldiers, who have made, and continue to make, today's celebration possible, we owe our gratitude and our promise to remember and honor you. Liberty and freedom are your gifts to the Nation. We salute you.

Gen. Eric K. Shinseki
Chief of Staff

Louis Caldera
Secretary of the Army

On July 4, 1776, the 13 American colonies declared their independence. The first Patriots, with diverse backgrounds, representing different regions and interests, were united in their quest for freedom and their willingness to fight for liberty. Despite the considerable risk of almost certain defeat at the hands of the greatest land and sea power of that age, they ultimately triumphed and a new, independent United States of America emerged.

At sea, on land, and in the air, whether during peace or war, the men and women of America's Armed Forces have continued to ensure the sacrifices of our forefathers and others who followed them were not made in vain. The backgrounds of the individuals in today's Armed Forces are even more diverse than those of our predecessors — yet we all continue to unite behind the same ideals and values that guided this Nation to independence over 200 years ago.

Today, on the first Independence Day of the 21st cen-

tury, you — America's soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and coastguardsmen — are America's new Patriots, linked in spirit to the generations of fighting men and women of our Nation's great history. Around a troubled world, you deter our foes, protect our friends, and keep the peace.

Despite enormous danger, personal sacrifice, and lengthy separation from family and friends, it is your indomitable spirit and steadfast willingness to serve that define America and manifest its ideals, both at home and abroad. On this Independence Day, America honors you and all those who preceded you.

On behalf of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, thank you for all you do in the defense of our great Nation — on this — America's birthday.

Henry H. Shelton
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

11th Signal Brigade

Thunderbirds participate in Grecian Firebolt 2000

By 1st Lt. Michael Peters
11th Signal Bde. PAO

Fourteen soldiers from the 11th Signal Brigade deployed to Camp Parks, Calif., to participate in exercise Grecian Firebolt '00.

These soldiers were part of the brigade's assets participating in this Army Signal Command sponsored exercise. The 11th Signal Bde. soldier and equipment teams were deployed to sites across the country to in support of Grecian Firebolt. The largest team was the 14 soldiers manning the TTC-39D tactical telephone switch and TSC-85B tactical satellite terminal at Camp Parks.

This team was augmenting the 319th Signal Battalion of the Army Reserve headquartered at Camp Parks. The team's mission was to provide communications to the 3rd Medical Command of the Army Reserve participating in the Golden Medic portion of the exercise. The team was eager to support these "subscribers" which is an opportunity it doesn't always have on an exercise.

"Having actual subscribers increases the sense of urgency that we feel when a shot goes down," said Spec. Craig Campbell, a tactical satellite operator, Company B, 86th Signal Bn., 11th Signal Bde.

One key to the success of the exercise was the working relationship the



11th Signal Bde. photo

Spec. Craig Campbell, a tactical satellite operator from Company B, 86th Signal Battalion, in his TSC-85 B Satellite Terminal in Camp Parks, Calif.

Thunderbird team had with its reserve counterpart. While the team brought its own equipment, it relied on the 319th for logistic support while participating in the exercise.

"Our team has gotten great support from the 319th" said Campbell. "They have been easy to work with and helped us out a lot."

"We've worked really well with all the soldiers from the 11th...they are a professional bunch," said Capt. Damon Stern, operations officer, 319th Signal Battalion.

The 11th Signal Bde. soldiers also enjoyed the change in scenery.

"This exercise has been a good time...we've gotten a chance to enjoy the scenery and get away from our home station," said Staff Sgt. Donald Stettan, the tactical telephone switch team chief, Company B, 86th Signal Bn.



Photos by 1st Lt. Michael Peters

(From left) Pfc. Jamie Hampton (the 11th Signal Brigade's youngest soldier), Chief Warrant Officer 4 Lloyd Christensen (the brigade's oldest soldier), and 11th Signal Bde. Commander, Col. Daniel R. Judy cut the cake at the celebration of the Signal Corps' 140th birthday.

Happy birthday

The 11th Signal Brigade celebrated the 140th birthday of the Signal Corps with a cake cutting ceremony June 21. The ceremony, held in the lobby of the Main Post Exchange, also served as the first meeting of the Buffalo Soldier chapter of the Signal Corps Regimental Association. The 11th Signal Bde. Commander, Col. Daniel R. Judy discussed the history of the Signal Corps and then Lt. Col. Mark Barnette, 11th Signal Bri-



Cake with Signal Flags on it.

gade deputy commander, served cake to all in attendance.

There is a better way to combat alcoholism — intervene

Ken Bowles
EDCO, ASAP

Sgt. 1st Class Robinson* was an excellent noncommissioned officer. He was well liked by his soldiers and concerned about the welfare of all of them except Sgt. Simons* who was a constant irritation.

Simons would often come to work late, and each time offer some feeble excuse. His work used to be outstanding, but lately he had been missing deadlines, leaving work undone, and sometimes making serious errors. His appearance had gotten worse, and sometimes his uniform looked as if he had slept in it. Occasionally Simons came to work with the odor of alcohol on his breath.

Robinson had counseled Simons repeatedly and given him a copy of the counseling statement each time. In response, Simons explained about all the troubles he was having in his life, with his wife, his kids and in-laws. After hearing of the problems, Robinson would give Simons another chance.

Following the counseling Simons' performance, attendance and appearance improved, but shortly it was back where it had been, and if anything, would be worse than before.

Robinson felt frustrated, angry and betrayed, because over and over again Simons had promised he would improve but never did. Often, Robinson would be so angry he would shout at Simons and anyone else in the office.

One day Robinson attended a supervisor workshop where he learned that maybe Simons' problem was not his wife or in-laws, but that he may have a chronic progressive illness called alcoholism. He learned that without help all the threats and counseling statements in the world would not change Simons' performance. He also learned about the Army Substance Abuse Program.

Robinson had attended many lectures about the program, but never really paid attention because he felt that it didn't really apply to him. This time he learned that he could refer someone for treatment, and that although the commander was involved in referral, enrollment in the program wouldn't have a negative impact on a career. He discovered how to intervene with his soldiers, and encourage them to refer themselves for treatment.

During the workshop, Robinson suddenly realized that if Simons was an alcoholic, he had been totally wrong in the way he was deal-

ing with him. As the workshop progressed, Robinson became more and more impatient, because he wanted to return to his office and try out what he had learned.

To Robinson's surprise and satisfaction, Simons responded to the intervention by blurt-ing out that his life had become unmanage-able. He was in debt and his wife was threaten-ing to leave. He suspected that his drinking was the cause of his problems. Simons agreed to refer himself for treatment and to complete the program. (A year later, Simons approached Robinson, and shook his hand and thanked him for getting him into treatment.)

Not all interventions are successful, and not all of those who enroll in the program will succeed. Whether they succeed or not is up to the person in the program, although the chain of command has a responsibility to be sup-portive, and to expect a successful outcome of treatment. Identification and referral of soldiers with problems, is inherent in the roll of leadership at all levels from the first line supervisor to the highest ranking officer who supervises people. Like Simons, those with an alcohol or drug problem fail to recognize the true nature of their problem so almost

never voluntarily seek help. If the person is to get help, it must come from a supervisor, a friend, a coworker or a family member.

Commanders, you can schedule these Supervisor Workshops by calling Ken Bowles at 538-1315. It is a two-hour leadership program that enables those who attend to identify, and then to intervene before the soldier gets a citation for driving under the influence of alcohol, or gets in a fight in a bar.

This workshop is as important and appropriate for upper levels of leadership as it is for the first line supervisor, because as we all know, addiction is a human problem that does not limit itself to lower ranks. In the end if you intervene today, you will not have to put up with those with problems like Sgt Simons any longer, but maybe more importantly, you would have saved a life!

Just call me today at 538-1315, and let's start scheduling these workshops for your leaders. We also give similar classes for supervisors of civilians, and a good assortment of prevention classes for both civilians and military audiences.

*(Editor's note: The names have been changed to protect their identities.)

Community Updates

Pregnancy PT instructor

The Pregnancy PT program sponsored by MEDDAC is seeking to hire a part time aerobics instructor to begin immediately. The hours are 5:55-7 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week.

Instructor is expected to be land and water aerobics certified, and will need to be provide his/her own music and radio equipment. Interested persons should call Program Coordinator, Pat Marshall, at 533-9995.

Fort hosts IT Expo

There will be an "Information Technology Expo" held at La Hacienda at Fort Huachuca today. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will feature the latest in computing and communications technology.

This event, is designed to be an educational forum for both military and civilian personnel to be updated on IT products and services.

A variety of exhibitors will be on-hand to demonstrate products in: LAN/WAN products, training & certification services, visual simulation, modeling & analysis, laptops, desktops, peripherals & servers, digital printers, copiers, scanners & facsimile, networking solutions, web technologies, high security shredders, office products, computer supplies & furniture, secure communications and other IT products, services & solutions as well as to answer questions.

To see a list of exhibitors and technologies that will be on display, visit www.fedpage.com/events.

All military and civilian personnel are invited; there is no fee to attend, and complimentary refreshments will be served. For more information, visit www.fedpage.com/events.

Ceremony parking limited

The United States Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca will hold a change of command ceremony for the 309th Military Intelligence Battalion as Lt. Col. David B. Kneafsey relinquishes command to Lt. Col. Thomas M. Kelly. The ceremony starts at 7 a.m. Friday, on Brown Parade Field.

Employees and spectators are reminded that the Directorate of Public Safety will set-up traffic control points one hour prior to the start of the ceremony at the intersections of Adair and Grierson; Adair and Augur; and Shipp and Augur Avenues.

Military Police personnel will remain at the TCPs until 15 minutes after the conclusion of the ceremony.

Parking for visitors and participants in the ceremony is available on the north side of Christi Avenue at the AAFES Clothing Sales Store and behind the Directorate of Contracting.

Track dedication

The new Krueger Track in MI Village, adjacent to the softball fields (Warrior and Sentinel Field) at the Eifler Sports Complex, is being dedicated at 2 p.m. on Friday as part of the MI Fall of Fame activities.

Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas, commanding general, USAIC&FH, will unveil the dedication plaque. Retired Col. Carl F. Eifler (WW II Hero and MI Hall of Fame Member for whom the Sports Complex is named) will also be present.

New century in savings

The United Savings Bond 2000 Campaign will end Friday. Soldiers and civilians are encouraged to support the campaign. Each directorate and partner activity has a point of contact for the campaign. If you do not know who your POC is call Anna McMurtrie, Directorate of Resource Management, at 533-1361.

There are 14 good reasons for buying U.S. Savings Bonds: competitive interest rates, new marketing concepts - Series I Bonds & Easy Saver, tax exemptions, deferred reporting of interest for federal taxes, peace of mind in retirement, cash on demand, college costs made easier, easy to buy, strengthening America, no commissions or maintenance fees, guaranteed safe, flexibility of ownership, fits all budgets, and unsurpassed reliability.

Tickets available for MI Ball

Tickets for the 38th Annual Military Intelligence Ball are on sale now. The MI Ball, held in conjunction with the annual Military Intelligence Corps Association's Hall of Fame induction ceremony, will be on Friday at the LakeSide Activity Centre. Tickets, costing \$25 per person, can be purchased from your unit command sergeant major or from Maj. Linda Stuart, 305th MI Bn.

The evening's schedule begins at 6 p.m. with a social hour, followed at 7 p.m. with "Mess Call," and dinner at 7:30 p.m. The menu will be Chicken Saint Bernard or Steak Diane. A photographer will be available throughout the evening, cash or checks accepted.

The guest speaker will be retired Maj. Gen. Joseph A. McChristian. The theme for this year's Ball is "'225 Years of Excellence — Honoring Army and Military Intelligence Professionals."

Following dinner and remarks, there will be dancing and entertainment until midnight. For information, call Maj. Linda Stuart at 533-6842.

DOIM closed Monday

The Directorate of Information Management will close the following facilities on Monday for the Training Holiday. Emergency recall procedures via the



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USAIC&FH SDO/SDNCO will be in effect.

Automated Training & Battle Simulation Center affecting the Classroom Support Center.

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Information Systems Support Branch affecting records management services, FOIA, forms, publications and printing.

Official Mail & Distribution Center affecting delivery/pickup of distribution and official mail (including Overnight/Express mail), and redirect of soldier mail.

Security Division affecting accreditations and TSACS password processing.

Switch Division affecting move/add/change phones, add/change/delete PINs, telephone billing, and new/changes to voice mail.

Commissary closed

The Fort Huachuca Commissary will be closed Tuesday for Independence Day.

DOIM computer classes

The Directorate of Information Management provides computer training classes, beginning with Windows 95/98 on Wednesday, HTML on July 6 and Powerpoint on July 7. Basic Structure and Design is set for July 10 with Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Access on July 12, 13 and 14 respectfully. Basic and Advanced Excel are set for July 19 and 20 with Outlook on July 24, Word on

July 26 and FormFlow on July 28.

For information or to register for a class, call Pfc. Jamie Gert at 533-2868

Chaplains host bake sale

The Fort Huachuca chaplains are sponsoring a Christmas in July Bake Sale in support of the Christmas Giving Tree Program, on July 6 and 7, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Main PX Lobby. Both bakers and workers are needed. To volunteer, call 459-8213, 417-0562 or Jo Moore at the Main Post Chapel, 533-4748 or 533-5559.

Blood drive set

A blood drive will be held 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. July 7 at Building 53301 (across the street from Greely Hall, off Arizona Street). There is a national shortage. Nine out of 36 regions are in need of blood. Blood needs are constant, but at this time there is a critical shortage in O+, A+ and A-.

It is summer and we are facing an increasing need for blood. You can help enormously by donating on July 7. Every donor will be receiving a surprise gift. To make an appointment or for information, call Katharina Criscuolo at 538-3120. Appointments are appreciated, but walk-ins will not be turned away.

Green to Gold briefing

Interested in becoming an officer? Attend the next "Green to Gold" Briefing on July 7, 11 a.m.-noon at the Post Education Center, Building 52104.

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First baby born in ‘new cantonment hospital’ returns to roots

By Stan Williamson
Scout Staff

On Nov. 6, 1942, Joyce Ann Foster-Konya became the first baby to be born in what was known as the “new cantonment hospital” at Fort Huachuca. However, the real story is how her father got her to the hospital.

Foster-Konya, now 57 years old, visited the fort on June 12 with her husband, Bela Konya, in hopes of seeing some of her “roots,” and sharing memories of her childhood. Bela, a native of Budapest, Hungry, was born in 1939 and became an American citizen 40 years ago in Tucson, Ariz.

She had come back to her roots once before in 1963, at age 21. “Things were much different then, than they are today,” she said. In the 1960s, practically all of the World War II structures were still standing. Today, only a handful remain, but they too are scheduled for demolition.

On the day in question, Nov. 6, 1942, Foster-Konya’s mother, Opal C. Foster, (deceased) started her child birthing labor pains early in the evening at their home in what is now Sierra Vista. Her father, Jack M. Foster, Sr., put his wife in their automobile and set course for Fort Huachuca, where he worked as a civil service employee.

Jack Foster remembers the day well, but said, “First, lets go back to the beginning.”

“Approximately one year prior to the start of World War II,” he said, “I was employed by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Forest Service as a foreman with the Civilian Conservation Corp. This was my first civil service position.”

According to Foster, about the time the United States entered WWII, the CCCs all across the country were closed down and “my employment was terminated,” he said.

“A short time later, I applied for and accepted another civil service position with the Area Engineers at Fort Huachuca,” he said. “My title was senior inspector, but my listed job responsibilities were not confined to systematical inspection of Military Base Contract Construc-

tion.”

Foster said there was no housing available in or around Fort Huachuca, so he bought a small trailer. “I parked it just outside the main gate, along with 20 other trailers and a few tents. There were businesses, a liquor store, a small [convenience] store and a movie theater. That was all there was, unless one counted the jack rabbits, foxes and coyotes. About a mile down the road, toward Bisbee was a single room school with outhouses.”

Foster said his wife was carrying their child, Joyce, and other than the new base hospital, the nearest medical hospital was in Bisbee, about 30 miles to the south.

“I approached the highest ranking officer at the base hospital and he told me my wife could only be admitted (to the Army hospital) in case of an emergency,” he said.

“The officer, a major, as I remember, was a fine person and a gentleman of the first order. I was told that he was recalled from retirement, due to a doctor’s shortage. The good doctor ended our conversation by suggesting that I bring my wife in for a checkup prior to the emergency — in case

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Jack Foster

it did occur.”

Foster now moved his story to the final day, November 2, 1942. “It was quite sudden,” Foster said. “Joyce’s Mother told me the time was near, she was having labor pains. I drove her to the main gate, and that was when my problem started.”

He said two young servicemen were on (guard) duty at the Main Gate. “I showed them my gate pass and explained my wife’s situation. Then I was informed by one guard that my pass was for one person, not two.” Foster said he was pretty upset by this time and requested that they call the Provost Marshal, but they would not make the call.

A heated discussion quickly followed during which a guard “chambered a round” in his rifle to give added emphasis to his orders denying the Fosters’ entry to the fort.

“I realized then that I had to make a choice, deliver the baby in the car, or take the chance that they would not shoot.” Foster said he put his car in gear and raced through the gate heading for the hospital.



Photo by Stan Williamson

Joyce Ann Foster-Konya (right) and her husband Bela Konya visited Fort Huachuca earlier this month in hopes of seeing some of her “roots.”

“Believe me,” he said, “the first 100 yards lasted a lifetime.” At the hospital, Foster lifted his wife from the car and carried her in his arms up the steps and into the lobby. “Joyce was born on the way to the delivery room.”

Foster said he later drove to the Provost Marshal’s office to report what happened, but “I never learned of the results,” he said. “I was pretty upset, as you might guess.”

For the next two years, Foster-Konya would live just outside the Main Gate with her parents and older brother, Jack M. Foster Jr., 58. He was two years her senior, having been born at Morenci, Ariz. Her father’s career with the government, building bridges and roads all over the Southwest and Northwest, kept him on the move. Two years later she had a new brother, James M. Foster, 55, who was delivered in Phoenix. and finally, when the family was in Prescott, her sister, Jean M. Foster, 53, was born.

This story did have a happy ending. Foster said “the hospital bill for Joyce was less than \$17, and we received a healthy daughter in return.”

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Hazmat meeting

The next Hazardous Waste Management Board meeting will be held on July 12, at the Safety Office, Building 31044, 8-9 a.m. New and changing environmental issues will be covered in this meeting.

For information, call Becky Lenhardt at 533-0547.

Weight control class

Active Duty Weight Control Classes (AR 600-9) are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 a.m. and the third Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Raymond W. Bliss Health Center.

However, only one class will be offered in July and that will be July 19 at 4 p.m. Classes are offered on a walk-in basis.

For information, call 1st Lt. Ronna Winn, Registered Dietitian, at 533-5133.

OCS board convenes

The next installation OCS Interview Board is scheduled to convene July 19-21 at the Murr Community Center in the Roadrunner Conference Room at 9 a.m. daily. The deadline date for applications to be received by the Adjutant General Directorate is July 10.

All applications must be in an original and two copies to the Personnel Operations Division, Building 41421 (ATTN: ATZS-AGO). Do not send applications through distribution.

For information, call is Master Sgt. Obeso or Sgt. Newell at 533-1707 or 533-1705.

Investment info seminar

The Special Emphasis Program Committee is sponsoring an Investment Information Seminar presented by Jeff Lane, Investment Representative, of Edward Jones.

This seminar will cover the many different types of investments available, including Maximizing CD Income, Reducing Taxes, Setting Financial Goals, Tax-Free Investments, IRAs, Mutual Funds, Keeping Up With Inflation, Picking Quality Common Stocks, Dow and Nasdaq and S&P 500, Estate Planning, Investing for College Education, and Tax-Deferred Annuities.

This is an opportunity to become more aware of the many different options of planning for retirement.

The seminar will be July 20, 9-11 a.m., at the Quality Training Center, Building 22420 (Next to the Military Clothing Sales Store). Civilian and military personnel are invited to attend.

Seating is limited; call Joan Street, SEPM, at 538-0276 to reserve a seat.

Promotion board convenes

Department of the Army Promotion Selection Board is scheduled to convene Aug. 1 to consider Army Competitive Category

lieutenant colonel for promotion to colonel.

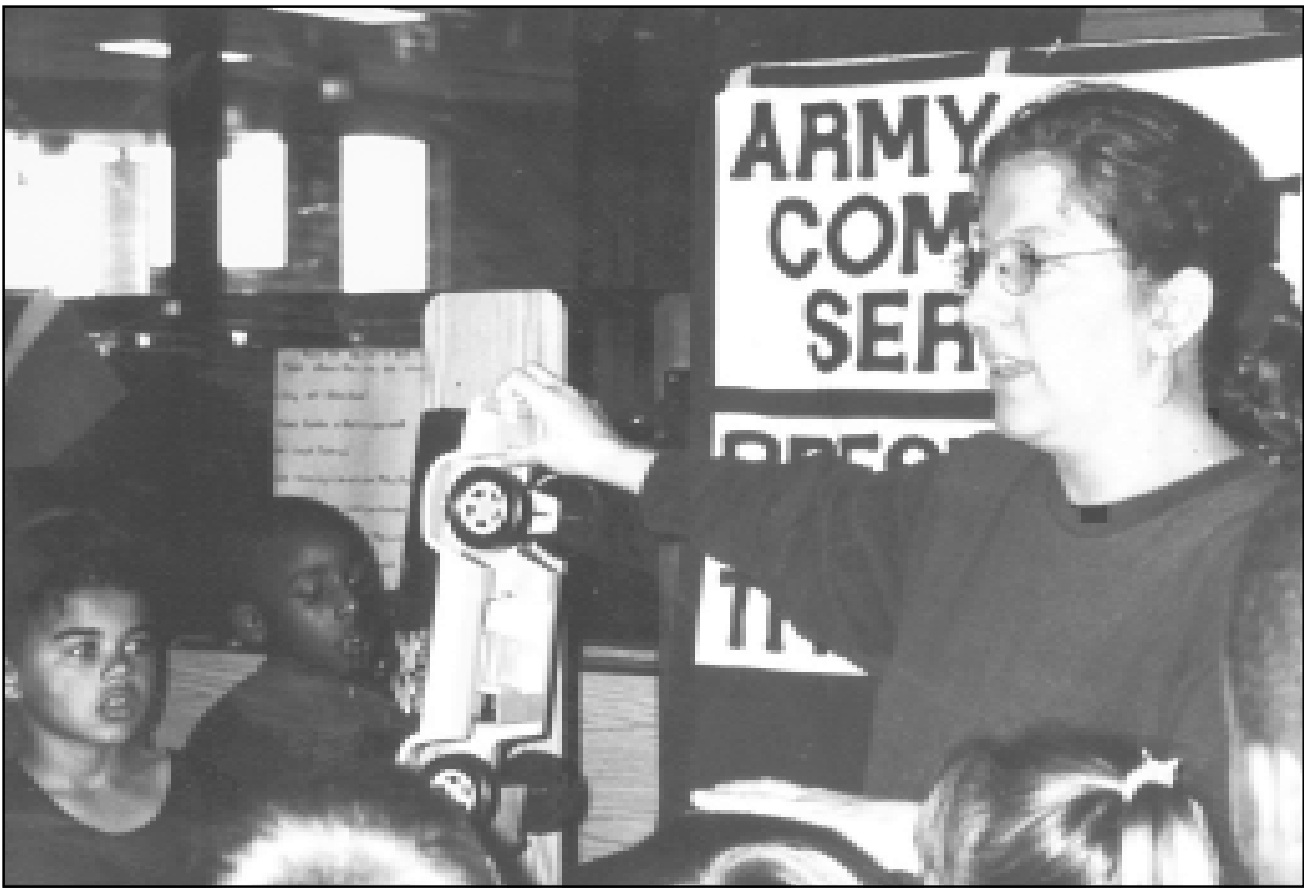
The colonel board will not consider serving lieutenant colonels of the Chaplain’s Corps, Judge Advocate General’s Corps or Army Medical Department, Veterinary Corps.

Officers eligible for consideration have active duty dates of rank: above the zone, May 1, 1995 and earlier; promotion zone, May 2, 1995 through Aug. 1, 1996; below the zone, Aug. 2, 1996 through Aug. 1, 1997.

In order to be eligible for consideration by the board, all mandatory or optional Officer Evaluation Reports must be received, error free, in the Evaluation Reports Branch, PERSCOM (TAPC-MSE-R), no later than July 25. Exceptions are governed by para 1-33d, AR 600-8-29.

Only original evaluation reports will be processed. Machine reproduced or electronically transmitted copies will not be accepted.

For information, call Margarethe Velazquez at 533-3267.



Photos by Kelly Figula

Janet Conrad shows children that the tape “seatbelt” can protect the egg in the plastic car, just as a real seatbelt can save a child in a real car.

Kids learn life lessons from puppets

*By Kelly Figula
Scout Intern*

Through child-size puppets and broken eggs, adults can entertain and educate children on disabilities and safety issues.

Army Community Services sponsors New Kids on the Block, an international organization that provides volunteers of more than 1,000 troupes with scripts and puppets to form their own shows.

Last Tuesday Janet Conrad, the coordinator for the ACS troupe, and Shelley Deagan, a seventh grade teacher at Apache Middle School, used the puppets to teach 30 children at the Youth Services Center about automobile safety.

The performance is followed by a demonstration of seatbelt effectiveness using an egg in a small plastic car. Each child receives a flier listing ways parents can keep their kids safe in the car. On the back of the flier is a picture of Elwood the puppet singing his seat-belt song.

Dr. Samuel Caron, a ventriloquist and a child psychologist at the Community Mental Health Clinic on post, developed Elwood to teach children about shopping safety, such as telling kids about stranger danger and car safety to and from the store.

Kids on the Block began in 1977 to help children understand the needs of people with disabilities. The program has expanded to include shows on safety issues, such as fire safety, and social issues such as gang black stands behind the 3-4 foot tall puppet, using one hand to open and close the mouth and membership.

The puppet show is unique because the puppeteers are seen during the performance. A puppeteer dressed in the

other hand to manipulate a rod attached to the puppet’s hand to simulate gestures. Since the puppeteers are dressed in black they blend in with the black background.

Each puppet in the show has a name and an individual personality.

Tuesday’s show featured Brenda Dubrowski, an assertive 11-year-old child of divorced parents, and Melody James, an inquisitive 11-year-old with a lot of questions.

The puppets cover a wide range of living conditions, such as a 14-year-old girl who lives in a neighborhood with gangs, and disabilities, including juvenile diabetes.

The organization updates the presentations to maintain current trends and issues.

Tuesday’s car safety show featured two puppets incorrectly riding in a car. The children told the puppeteers what was wrong with their demonstration, such as the puppets were not wearing their seatbelts and they were eating in the car. The puppeteers redid the performance correctly.

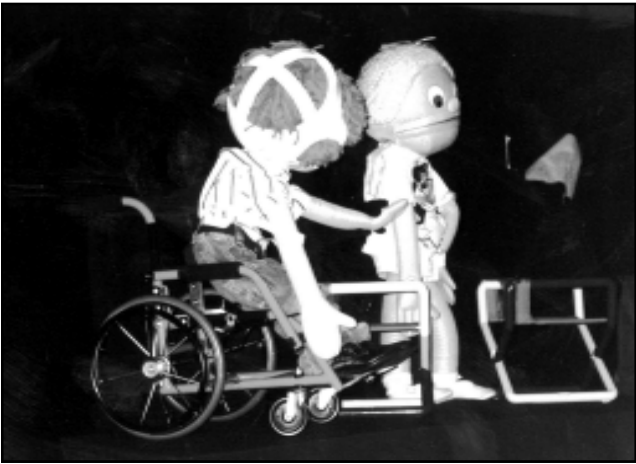
Mark, the puppet with cerebral palsy, makes an appearance in this skit to demonstrate that handicapped

children can ride in cars, too, and that they need to wear their seatbelts.

They also said that seatbelts are designed for people 4 feet 9 inches tall and 80 pounds. Therefore, children smaller than these measurements should use a booster or car seat.

After the puppet show Conrad encourages discussion of automobile safety with the children.

The egg experiment consists of two plastic cars, one with an egg taped to the seat and the other without. When the first



Puppets Mark, who has cerebral palsy, and Brenda demonstrate car safety during last Tuesday’s Kids on the Block performance at the post youth center.

Doctor’s ‘voice’ helps kids through trouble

*By Kelly Figula
Scout Intern*

Dr. Samuel Caron, a child psychologist at the Community Mental Health Clinic on post, does more than just talk to children about their problems. He uses his ventriloquist skills and puppets to make children feel comfortable discussing tough issues.

Caron began ventriloquism when he received a puppet as a gift for his sixth birthday. He taught himself ventriloquism, and now uses his puppet Elwood to help his patients.

His work extends well beyond the clinic doors.

In 1992 Caron traveled with the Red Cross to Florida to help young victims of hurricane Andrew.

“When Hurricane Andrew hit Florida, I wanted to go and help the children who had been affected,” Caron said. Since I saw no way to go, I recorded a public service announcement for children and parents on storms and post traumatic stress disorder.”

After he sent the announcement to radio stations in Florida, he received a letter from the American Psychological Association asking for volunteers to work with the Red Cross in Florida.

Caron and Elwood spent ten days in a storm shelter in Miami’s inner city.

“It was a good experience, quite different from how I usually spend my time,” he said. “Having Elwood with me allowed me to entertain the children and also talk to them about the storm.”

Caron moved to Sierra Vista in 1982 due to the area’s need for child psychologists.

“I felt my skills matched the needs of the community,” he said.

Since moving to the area, Caron has volunteered at the Huachuca City Children’s Center, and, with the help of his wife Mary and sons Benjamin, 24, and Jeremy, 16, produced a video on attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

“Many of the children I see have this problem, and that is why I decided to make these TV shows,” Caron said. “I thought that it would be nice for me and Elwood to share some of our thoughts about ADHD with parents and children across the country.”

“Dr. Caron’s video is creative, full of factual information presented in an entertaining way that will interest parents and children,” Gwen Calhoun, School Counselor at Apache Middle School, said on Caron’s webpage.

The Caron family also produces announcements on child abuse, and the Forgash House, a Tucson organization for abused women and children, sponsors the ads on Tucson television.

In 1995 Caron received Arizona’s HEMMY Award for outstanding achievement in health education media. He has also won awards in 1996 from Access Tucson for making a difference in the community and for developing superior programming for children.

Before he and his family moved to Arizona, Caron had a variety of jobs in New Mexico that involved working with children, including an elementary school guidance counselor in the Albuquerque Public Schools, a special education teacher and a psychological counselor at the Los Lunas Hospital and Training school.

Today, Caron just returned from the International Ventriloquism Festival in Las Vegas, where he conducted a workshop on using ventriloquism for therapy and education of young children.

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AFTB training available online

*By Paul Cavanaugh
Army News Service*

Army family members and spouses can now receive skills training and supports at their desks, thanks to the new Army Family Team Building NetTrainer website, www.defenseweb.com/aftb.

The website allows anyone interested in AFTB training to register and take available courses online. The project is part of Army-wide efforts to use the Internet to improve service and support, especially for their geographically dispersed and deployed community members.

Army Family Team Building is a modular training program designed by the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center to educate family members — particularly those of first-term soldiers — about Army culture, benefits, family support and other programs.

The NetTrainer online system includes web-based versions of the AFTB level one training lessons, along with a “Student Union” where students can track individual lesson progress, post questions to trainers, and communicate with each other.

Lesson topics include “Family Support Groups,” “Understanding Your Benefits,” “Managing Expectations” and “The Army Chain of Command and Chain of Concern.”

“Our organization has had great success training families on post and enhancing family preparedness,” said Vicki Brown, AFTB program director for CFSC, headquartered in Alexandria, Va.

“With this site we can reach an even greater number of Army families, no matter where they are located,” she added.

AFTB has trained more than 20,000 family members in classroom instruction since 1994, and the NetTrainer site is expected to train an additional 4,000-5,000 Army family members annually.

The focus on Army families reflects the military’s increased emphasis on well-being — quality of life — issues.

The logic is simple: Soldiers with satisfied and well-informed families are more likely to remain in the service. At a time when all branches of the military face challenges in making enlistment quotas, retention is a significant topic.

Training is just one part of the AFTB NetTrainer system. Through the site’s “TeamLink” area, trainers and program managers read the latest Army family news, share and download program resources, order supplies and file reports. CFSC staff uses the system’s password-protected areas to track local AFTB programs worldwide, allowing them to allocate resources and determine needs more efficiently.

Anyone can use the site as a resource without registering. All visitors can access news, site links and a learning center, where they can find answers to commonly asked questions about Army living. CFSC’s AFTB staff partnered with DefenseWeb Technologies to develop the NetTrainer system, utilizing the latest software development tools and graphical interface.

AFTB and DefenseWeb staffs are working on the next phase which includes translating the training into Spanish and Korean, adding Level II training modules and developing other site enhancements.

Summit set on youth problems

*By Dr. Richard Fafara & Susan Conklin
Army News Service*

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki has directed that an Army Education Summit be held July 26-28 in Alexandria, Va., to discuss problems faced by Army school children.

The summit is being coordinated by the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center in Alexandria, Va., particularly its School Liaison Office.

Issues related to the education and welfare of Army children were voted as top concerns by delegates to the Army Family Action Plan conference in 1999.

Because they are as transient as their military parents, school-age children encounter transition and academic problems different from those of their peers outside the gates.

The problem is compounded by the fact that the majority of military children attend public schools, both on- and off-post, over which the Army has little influence, officials said.

Education has become not only a national issue with increased visibility, but also a prime concern for military parents who want the best education for their children.

The Army-wide Spring 1999 Sample Survey of Military Personnel included nine questions for parents concerning the education of their children in kindergarten through 12th grades. The results provide insight into the problems faced by soldiers making permanent change of station moves with school age children.

According to SSMP data, more than half of all soldiers have a dependent child. Nearly a third of all officers and one-fourth

of all enlisted personnel made a PCS move in the last three years with a high-school-age child.

Of soldiers with high-school-age children who made a PCS move in the last three years, 71 percent of officers and 78 percent enlisted reported their children had problems due to changing schools as a result of that move.

The number of soldiers reporting problems represents 7.5 percent of all officers and 4.1 percent of all enlisted soldiers. Officers and enlisted personnel wrote that the problems most frequently experienced by high school age children included:

- difficulty making social adjustments (making new friends, etc.) in the new school
- feeling under-challenged because of the quality of education in the new school
- falling behind in coursework
- timing of the move having a negative effect on participation in school-sponsored events.

There were no statistically significant differences based on rank, race, gender or current location of parents (in the continental U.S. or outside CONUS) for types of problems faced by school-age children as a result of PCS moves.

The SSMP also provided information about when Army personnel move. As a rule, more than half of enlisted personnel move during the school year, and the same percentage of officers move during the summer.

The good news is that a relatively small number of soldiers with children enrolled in elementary or middle school reported school problems due to a PCS move in this survey.

Biometrics from Page 1



Photo by Sgt. Cullen James

The small gray box is used to scan fingerprints. Three good scans must take place and the best of the three scans is digitized into a biometric template.

with organizations at Forts Monmouth, N.J., and Belvoir, Va. to decide which soldier systems will benefit most from biometrics.

“We’re beginning to develop conceptual plans [about how a soldier could use biometrics in the field] ... There are a number of follow on pilot programs and we’re looking at about 12 different things. The actual systems [for integration] haven’t been decided on yet, so I’d rather not say which ones we’re looking at,” Loranger said.

A quick demonstration of the new system by CSLA’s Lorna Hutcheson showed how easy the recognition program is. Taking three different scans of an individual’s fingerprint, the best one is chosen by the software. A digital template is then made and that’s what they use. A second print is taken from the middle finger as a backup in case the computer system doesn’t recognize the index finger. The entire process takes about a minute.

As the Army begins integrating biometrics, the question of civilian applications arises. “It’s going to happen. We already have a strong marriage between the Department of Defense and civilian industry [with biometrics],” Loranger said. “In fact there’s been no R and D on the biometric systems by us yet. This is almost entirely what the industry gave us and we’re integrating it into the Army.

“Recently a software company, an [Operation System] manufacturer, is working with biometrics. You may see biometrics and an OS in the near future,” Loranger added.

With the collection of fingerprints, retina information and other personal data, some have called into question the privacy such systems would afford individuals. “Before we be-

gan integrating the [biometrics] systems, we took a serious look at privacy and protecting individual’s rights. The first, fourth and fifth Amendments were taken heavily into consideration as we decided how to integrate. We asked ourselves how should one approach the application of this technology?

“We’re using the technology only for what the individual who developed it wanted it to be used for. The system isn’t hooked up to the Internet and cannot be hacked. It will only be operated by someone who’s gone through what we call an ADP-2 security evaluation,” Loranger said. However, he also stated, “Nothing is absolute.”

For privacy the information used in the biometrics systems can only be used for that system, said Loranger. “The data [of fingerprints and other personal information] is kept in a local database and will only be used for entrance to secure areas. Even if a law enforcement agency required that data, we cannot give it to them.”

Because of the speed a person can be added to the system, anyone who exits military employment will be taken out of the system just as quickly, according to Tony Stevens, CSLA biometrics expert. “Enrollment in the system only takes about a minute ... deleting can be about instantaneous. It’s a very fast technology,” Stevens said. “[For those leaving military employment] I imagine getting out of the biometrics system would just be a routine part of outprocessing.”

With this, the first, biometrics field test site, Loranger has high hopes for the technology. “We could put it in soldier’s target acquisition lenses and there’d be no more friendly fire, no accidents,” Loranger said. What the Army does with biometrics, Loranger added, is, “only limited by our imagination.”

Washington ceremonies commemorate Korean War start

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A Korean War veteran attending ceremonies here marking the 50th anniversary of the start of the Korean War June 25, carried a sign saying, “Forgotten No More.”

Thousands of veterans and their families gathered at the Korean War Veterans Memorial on a sweltering day to remember the war, honor their dead and recall their deeds. President Bill Clinton told the vets that America honors their service and that their war and their sacrifices have not been forgotten.

Former Ohio Sen. John Glenn was a Marine aviator flying with the Air Force during the Korean War. Glenn told the crowd that “coming in the time shadow of World War II’s huge global scope, Korea was small, but it was deadly.” More than 37,000 Americans died in Korea between 1950 and 1953.

When the North Korean army poured over the 38th parallel, the communist leadership did not think the United States would go to war for South Korea. “After all, Americans didn’t want another war; the blood still hadn’t dried from World War II,” Clinton said.



Photo by Jim Garamone

Vice President Al Gore, Korean War veteran Vincent Krepps, Military District of Washington Commander Army Maj. Gen. Robert Ivany and Defense Secretary William S. Cohen render honors as a bugler blows “Taps” during a ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, Va. June 25.

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Korea 50 years ago this week

By Jim Caldwell
TRADOC News Service

June 29

Gen. Douglas MacArthur makes a one-day visit to South Korea. He meets with Republic of Korea President Syngman Rhee and U.S. Ambassador John Muccio. Afterwards he is driven to within a mile of Seoul to view the fighting. While there he orders the last standing bridge over the Han River destroyed. Reportedly, his visit cheers up the South Koreans.

— U.S. Air Force B-29 Superfortresses fly 123 missions dropping 500-pound bombs on North Korean soldiers on Kimpo Airfield 17 miles northwest of Seoul.

— President Truman authorizes sending American troops to South Korea to “ensure communications and guard the port of Pusan.” He also orders a sea blockade of Korea and authorizes air strikes against North Korea.

— Eighteen B-26 Invader light bombers hit Heijjo Airfield at Pyongyang, North Korean capital. Flyers claim 29 enemy aircraft damaged on the ground and a YAK fighter shot down.

— British and Australian governments place their naval forces around Japan under the leadership of the U.S. Far East Command. Australia also commits an air force squadron based in Japan to FECOM.

— Nationalist China (Taiwan) offers to put 33,000 soldiers under U.S. command in Korea. The offer is politely declined to keep Red China from entering the war.

The same day Communist China says it “will fight to the end” to free Taiwan from American aggressors.

June 30

The Senate passes a \$1.2 billion military assistance bill, \$200 million of which is earmarked for South Korea under emergency provisions of the bill. It is passed to the House for action.

July 1

The First Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, commanded by Lt. Col. Charles B. Smith, lands at airfields near Pusan. Task Force Smith troops are immediately put on trains bound for Taejon and the

front, 163 miles northwest.

Smith was alerted to deploy his unit from Kumamoto, Japan, shortly before 11 p.m. June 30. About 440 men were trucked 75 miles to Itazuki Air Base, and then flown to Korea in six cargo planes.

The only Army forces MacArthur can immediately draw from are Eighth Army occupation troops in Japan. At the outbreak of the Korean War, combat troop strength is less than 50 percent of authorized manning. Support units have less than 30 percent of their authorizations.

— Brig. Gen. John H. Church, commander of the U.S. Mission in Korea, moves his headquarters from Suwon 75 miles south to Taejon when the city comes under heavy attack from North Koreans.

— North Koreans move out of Seoul and begin crossing the Han River in force under heavy rain. The bad weather protects them from U.S. air strikes. Some of the enemy are disguised as refugees.

— The Nationalist Chinese government on Taiwan reports that 200,000 Red Chinese are massed along the North Korean border with Manchuria.

— Six unions sign agreements with the Pacific Maritime Association in San Francisco giving special pay to merchant seamen in Korean waters. Each seaman will get double pay, \$100 for entering a port under attack, \$125 for each bombing raid and \$10,000 life insurance.

— Bob Mathias, 19, becomes the first athlete to win the National AAU decathlon for three straight years. His 8,042 points also break a 14-year record.

July 3

Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, 24th Infantry Division commander, arrives in Korea ahead of the rest of the division.

— Planes from the USS Valley Forge and the HMS Triumph carry out the first carrier attacks against North Korea by hitting airfields around Pyongyang and Chinnam.

— The 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., is the only division fully manned and trained for combat, according to Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson.

— The Joint Chiefs of Staff decide to send Marine ground and air units to Korea. The 1st Marine Division

will probably be selected, along with the 1st Marine Air Wing.

— The Detroit Chamber of Commerce said the \$3,345 annual average salary of plant workers in the area make them the highest paid in the country.

July 4

Forty-four of the 58 UN members go on record backing the early resolution supporting South Korea. Russia and countries from the Middle East are against it.

— Three to four North Korean divisions complete crossing the Han River and spread out to isolate the Seoul-Inchon-Suwon area of about 200 square miles. Inchon and Suwon fall.

— Maj. Gen. Dean assumes command of the new U.S. Army Forces in Korea (USAFIK) that will control all Army troops in Korea.

— U.S. Army soldiers in Pyongyang get into a fight with about 30 North Korean saboteurs dressed as refugees. The communists are driven off.

July 5

Task Force Smith becomes the first American troops to engage the North Koreans. They fight two delaying actions near Osan, but cannot stop the enemy, which is led by more than 30 Russian tanks. Americans become so heavily engaged that it’s difficult to break off and withdraw. That results in a disorganized fall back as the task force heads for Taejon. Pvt. Kenneth Shadrick, 20, of West Virginia, is reported to be the first American infantryman to be killed in the new war. All told, five officers and 148 enlisted men are missing in action.

— The UN Security Council selects MacArthur to command UN forces in South Korea.

— The Air Force announced in Washington that it was sending P-51 Mustangs to Japan to fly missions to Korea. Its 950-mile range gives it more loiter time over targets in Korea. The F-80 Shooting Star jet fighters currently assigned to the Far East Air Force only have a 500-mile range.

— “Korea Today,” an examination of the hostilities between North and South Korea, is the top book of the week.

Scouts restore remote helipad

By Stan Williamson
Scout Staff

Bjorn R. Olsen, a 15 year-old Life Scout with Boy Scout Troop 434, Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints in Sierra Vista, Ariz. spent the best part of last weekend above the 8,000 foot level on Huachuca Peak (elev. 8410 feet).

Olsen and 20 of his best friends, all members of BSA Troop 434, were working up a sweat with a variety of saws, hand loppers, hand pruners, weed-whackers, rakes and shovels as part of his Eagle Scout project, restoring a helicopter landing pad on the mountain so it can be used by local emergency personnel, fire fighters and the military.

“The idea to clear the helicopter landing pad came from John Miller (Fort Huachuca’s

Forester),” Olsen said. “I was looking for a project where I could give something back to the community for all the great times that I have had here.”

Planning for the project has taken more than a month, averaging about one or two hours a day.

“Coordination was a big part of putting this plan together,” he said.

Starting out before daybreak Saturday, the work crew of Boy Scouts and adult Scout Leaders



Courtesy photo

Seth Robson clears overgrowth from the helipad.

drove to Upper Garden Canyon where they gained access to the trail to Huachuca Peak.

The helipad is approximately one and half miles from Garden Canyon and a couple thousand feet higher.

Once on site, Olsen organized his work teams and they began to remove undergrowth



Courtesy photo

An overview of the helipad after the clearing was complete.

from under the PSP (Perforated Steel Plating) of the Helipad. Other work teams began removing overhead tree branches and other vegetation that would interfere with helicopters landing on the pad.

Olsen, just finished his freshman year at Buena High School, and will be moving to Fort Leavenworth, Kan. with his parents, Maj. Robert and Maggie Olsen.

Olsen first joined Scouting as a Cub Scout in 1992 while living in Tampa, Fla. Due to his father’s military career, his next Scouting

unit was with a Cub Scout Pack in Brisbane, Australia from 1995 to 1996. He joined Boy Scout Troop 434 when his family moved here in 1997.

As a Boy Scout, he has held the leadership positions of Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Scribe, Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol Leader. Olsen said he has earned the International Scouting award and 19 of the required 21 merit badges for Eagle Scout and only has the Communications and Personal Management Merit Badges left.

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He said when President Harry S. Truman heard the news ... he knew it was time for the free world to act. “If an invasion was permitted to triumph in Korea without opposition from the free world, no small nation again would have the courage to resist aggression,” Clinton said. “He knew American boys didn’t fight and die to stop Nazi aggression only to see it replaced by communist aggression.”

But South Korea was under the protection of the United Nations. That fledgling organization proved its mettle when it “voted to use armed force to stop armed aggression,” Clinton said.

The war has not ended. The armistice signed in 1953 left the opposing sides at roughly the same spots. Critics called the war a stalemate.

“I submit to you today that looking back through the long lens of history, it is clear that the stand America took in Korea was indispensable to our ultimate victory in the Cold War,” Clinton said. “Because we stood our ground in Korea, the Soviet Union drew a clear lesson that America would fight for freedom.

“Had Americans and our allies from South Korea to as far away as Turkey and Australia not shown commitment and fortitude, we could well later, as Harry Truman foresaw, have faced World War III. It is, therefore, not a stretch, to draw the line of history straight from those brave soldiers who stood their ground on ridge lines in Korea 50 years ago to the wonderfully happy young people who stood and celebrated on the Berlin Wall 10 years ago.”

Defense Secretary William S. Cohen hosted the ceremony. He told the assembled vets that DoD continues to account for those listed as missing in action in Korea.

“This nation today continues to search for every warrior who fought and died to preserve the freedoms that we now enjoy and cherish,” Cohen said. “[The United States seeks] the fullest possible accounting of America’s fallen heroes. They did not face the horror of battle for us to turn away in the hush of peace. They did not fight so we can forget.”

During his speech, the president announced the Army’s

Central Identification Lab identified the remains of Army Sgt. Jimmy Higgins and Sgt. Hallie Clark Jr. Both were lost in North Korea in 1950 and recovered since 1996. “They are finally coming home to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery,” Clinton said.

Clinton also announced another team from the Central Identification Lab in Hawaii was flying to North Korea to seek more answers.

Secretary Cohen reminded the veterans that Americans still stand guard in South Korea. “Some 37,000 Americans — almost the same number who died in the war — are still standing for freedom in Korea,” he said. “Soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines serve alongside the South Korean counterparts astride what has been called the world’s most dangerous border.”

Cohen also reminded the service members of today what they owe the veterans of Korea.

“Half a century ago, the United States entered the Korean War with a military made up of many parts, a mix of war-scarred sergeants toughened by the hard lessons of Guadalcanal, Okinawa and Normandy, and a new generation of soldiers who had only seen war on the silver screen,” he said. “It was a segregated force of white, black and Hispanic, and a newly created Air Force. After three long, bloody years, we ended the battle with a military that was one of the most coherent fighting forces the world has ever known — integrated, experienced, ready to face the Cold War.”

The commemoration at the Korean War Veterans Memorial was just one portion of the day’s events. Vice President Al Gore placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery earlier in the day. Representatives from the 22 nations that fought under United Nations command during the war also placed wreaths at the memorial.

During the ceremony, the South Korean deputy chief of staff presented the Korean War Service Medals to six veterans. The Air Force Band, the Army Chorus and the Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps entertained the veterans and Connie Stevens, who performed in USO shows in Korea in 1953, reprised her role. A flyover of Korean War planes ended the day.

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car is slammed into the wall, the egg escapes safely. When the other car hits the wall, the egg without its “seatbelt” hits the front of the car and breaks.

The car is used again, this time with an egg lose in the bed of the truck. When the car hits the wall, the egg is thrown from the vehicle. The children are asked what could happen if people ride in the back of a pickup truck, and they reply, “They fly out!”

Conrad says that during the school year, her troupe, consisting of 4-5 volunteers, performs 2-3 shows a week. When the children are out of school, they do not perform as often.

Audiences consist of 25-50 children, and Conrad has even performed for a group of 90.

“[The kids] participate and ask questions, so this is a great way to get info across to kids,” Conrad said.

Deagan said the shows are, “targeted toward children because we use child-size puppets and we use children’s language.”

This fall Kids on the Block is giving a special performance with Vince and Larry, the crash test dummies, and the police department to inform third and fourth graders about automobile safety.

“They get the whole perspective on the safety issue,” Conrad said. “They get to ask questions, get in the police car and play with the lights.”

Kids on the Block was asked to perform on July 29 at a Sierra Fire Department-sponsored voluntary car seat inspection at Wal-Mart. These firefighters are trained to inspect seats to determine whether the seat fits the child it will carry and protect.

Parents can take the seats directly to the fire department for inspections. They can call Laura Wilson at 458-3319 to set up an appointment. Wilson said parents need to bring car seat and vehicle manuals, along with their children and children’s exact height and weight measurements to the inspection.

To volunteer with Kids on the Block or schedule a performance, call ACS at 533-3686

Commissary’s ‘Best Value’ promises quality at lowest prices

By Bonnie Powell
American Forces Press Service

FORT LEE, Va. — What’s in a name? For some shoppers, everything. For others, price is the most important factor in their grocery-buying decisions.

The Defense Commissary Agency is kicking off its “Best Value” program in July to make the job of bargain hunting easier for military shoppers. “Best Value Item” signs at store entrances and on grocery shelves will assure shoppers they’re getting a great price on a quality product.

“The Best Value program identifies items that are the lowest price at the name-brand quality our customers expect,” said

Gary Duell, manager of the agency’s Marketing Business Unit. The program responds to the many customers who’ve indicated that saving money is their No. 1 priority, he said.

Best Value prices will also be lower than premium quality store brands sold at retail groceries, he added. Retail grocers often have “store” or “private label” brands that vary in quality and price. Commissaries, by regulation, are only permitted to carry widely available “name brands,” which might not be the least expensive choice.

The Best Value program won’t apply to every size and type of grocery item car-

ried by commissaries, according to Duell. The number of signs displayed and pricing comparisons needed would be overwhelming for customers and employees. In addition, the item list may change frequently according to market conditions.

“To kick off the program, we’re focusing on approximately 50 popular products in the most frequently purchased sizes,” Duell said. A customer who wants the rock-bottom price on a quality 30-count box of garbage bags can simply look for the “Best Value” sign. The price, he said, will be lower than the same size of any other brand in the commissary — or any other local grocery store.

“We’re working hard to help our shoppers save money,” said Duell. “We already average 27 percent savings overall, but we want even more for our customers. Surveys show that the commissary is ranked among the top two benefits, and the agency’s job is to make that benefit even more valuable.”

The Defense Commissary Agency operates a worldwide chain of 290 commissaries for military personnel, retirees and their families.

(Editor’s note: Bonnie Powell works for the Defense Commissary Agency, Fort Lee, Va.)

Reserve families: get your commissary card, save money

Army Families

Guard and Reserve soldiers and their family members who regularly use the commissary shopping privilege can enjoy substantial savings. Unfortunately, many members lose out on these savings because they do not have a current U.S. Armed Forces Commissary Privilege Card (DD Form 2529).

National Guard and Reserve members and their families are authorized 24 commissary visits each year. Commissary shopping is part of your non-pay military compensation.

With some careful planning, 24 visits to the commissary can result in some serious savings. The most recent market basket survey reports that commissary shoppers save 27 percent on their grocery purchases. This means that a reservist shopping for a family of four could save more than \$2,000 this year by using the commissary.

Those 24 commissary visits and savings are also available to “gray area” reservist retirees, those who will be entitles to retired pay at age 60 but have not yet reached age 60. When reaching age 60, retired personnel and their eligible dependents will have unlimited

access to the commissary.

Unfortunately, many Guard and Reserve members lose out on these savings because they do not have a Commissary Privilege Card for the current year. DeCA does not issue these cards. Anyone in the Guard or Reserves who has not received a current Commissary Privilege Card in the mail or in person should make a special effort to contact his or her unit or other issuing authority in order to get one.

To shop the commissary, reservists (or immediate family) need a valid ID card and a current Commissary Privilege Card that entitles them to 24 shopping days. Cards, which are usually obtained from the Reserve/Guard unit administrator, are stamped or initialed at each store visit. During periods of active duty training, Reserve and Guard personnel can visit the commissary as many times as they wish by showing ID and active duty orders, and do not have to get their card initialed.

Department of Defense policy also allows National Guard members on state active duty for federally declared disaster operations (and their dependents) to enjoy unlimited use of commissary stores during the period of their

active service. The required documentation is a valid ID and military orders stating that the National Guard member is serving in support of a federally declared disaster. Shopping trips to the commissary while reservists are on federal active duty do not count against their 24 authorized visits each year.

Guard/Reserve members may use their 24 commissary visits at their discretion throughout the calendar year. For example, an authorized Guard or Reserve shopper might choose to shop at the commissary four times this month and not at all for the next two months. Than person would still have 20 visits to the commissary remaining, to be used at whatever pace and schedule the members finds suitable. However, any commissary visits unused at the end of a calendar year do not carry over into the next calendar year, and are lost savings opportunities for Guard/Reserve shoppers.

Army National Guard members who need a Commissary Privilege Card should contact their unit administrator.

Army Reserve members who have questions about or need Commissary Privilege Cards should contact either their unit or call 1-800-318-5298.

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said. This was Barth’s first accident in 10 years of performing this maneuver during training.

Fort Huachuca Fire Department Stations 1 and 3 responded to the main runway at the airfield within 3 minutes.

Barth suffered a minor cut to the left forearm. The three passengers, all Fort Huachuca Military Police were uninjured. Everyone in the vehicle was wearing a seatbelt.

The vehicle was one of seven 2000-model Ford Explorers, valued at \$23,000, purchased for use by the 18th Military Police Detachment. The estimated dollar value of the damage to the vehicle was unknown at publication time.

The loss of the vehicle is not expected to create a hardship on the detachment, said Capt. Michael Petty, operations officer, 18th MP Det.

“We still have plenty of vehicles for the road [patrols],” Petty said.

According to Capt. Vincent Chambers, commander, 18th MP Det., the driver safety course was the second one of its kind since March. Driver training is scheduled quarterly, if not monthly, and always in conjunction with the Cochise County Sheriff’s Department, Chambers said.

The training is conducted in three phases, including a classroom phase, ‘walk-through’ phase and the vehicle obstacle course. Prior to the vehicle obstacle course, all participants must pass a written test with at least a 90-percent average.

Chambers said the training is designed to increase the understanding of the limitations and capabilities of both the vehicle and the Military Police officer. “Everyone involved [in today’s training] did just that,” Chambers said.

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she is one of the spiritual anchors of our unit.

We have lieutenants that are saints. New to the Army and budding with professional promise, they are generally overworked, but at the end of the day, when they could go home satisfied that they had done a great job, they ask me if there’s anything they can do to help people here in the battalion. “Can I teach a Bible class?” “Chaplain, I’d like to help.” Saints.

Time doesn’t permit to tell of each one — the senior NCO, facing all the struggles of being a single parent, who still wants to know how she can help. The drill sergeants who help soldiers

maintain their values — and their faith — far from home. And yes, the privates who are here to train, but who light the paths of those around them. There are dozens of daily saints — saints for the new millenium — in my battalion, and I’m sure in every other unit on post.

Now, I am not a saint, but I need saints. I need to see those whose focused care for others makes me want to be a saint, even if it’s just for a moment. I need to know that it’s possible, even for me, to be something more than an average man or woman.

And so to those saints I meet every day, I tip my hat and say “thank you!” Maybe there is hope for me after all.

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Sancho Manzano, Jr., Louise Mason, Angeles Perez, Douglas Rigsby, Lois Sagmoe, Debra Shackelford, Linda Turner, Juan Villafane, Vicki Voyles, Victoria Warford, and David Wheeler.

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